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### Was CIA behind assassination of Ceylonese prime minister?

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COLOMBO — Ceylon's 12 million people have been put on guard against U. S. Central Intelligence Agency operatives in the country. The newspaper "Forward," in its issue of July 8, noted that 15 CIA agents operating in Ceylon had been named by Dr. Julius Mader, journalist of the German Democratic Republic, in his recently published work, "Who's Who in the CIA." Four of the 15 named by Mader are still operating in Ceylon, the newspaper says.

"Forward" takes note of CIA participation in coups in Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Iran, Ghana and Indonesia, and takes a retrospective glance at recent Ceylonese history.

#### Minister's murder recalled

"It would be interesting to ask," the paper says, "how many of the men and women on the lists given above were in Ceylon —

"1) when Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike was murdered;

"2) when the abortive coup against Mrs. Bandaranaike's government was organized by top army and police officers;

"3) when the 'parliamentary coup' which overthrew Mrs. Bandaranaike's coalition government was organized."

The event referred to was the assassination of Prime Minister Bandaranaike on Sept. 25, 1959. It was significant that the prime minister and his widow, who succeeded him after elections had assured her party of a sizable majority, had followed a foreign policy of neutrality in the cold war, and a domestic policy of nationalization of a number of industries.

Among the industries taken over by the Bandaranaike regime were terminal facilities for one British and two United States oil companies. Following this the government announced contracts to purchase oil from the Soviet Union and the United

#### Companies compensated

It was at this juncture that the so-called "parliamentary coup" occurred, when a pro-Western party ousted the Bandaranaike government and immediately offered to pay compensation for the seized oil properties.

"Forward" notes that of the four CIA operatives still in Ceylon, one is first secretary and consul of the U. S. Embassy, another is an attache, a third is an assistant attache, and a fourth is in the U. S. information agency. The paper suggests that the police and other authorities probe some of the activities of Asia Foundation, the U.S. Information Service, the Peace Corps, and the staff of Hope. "This can hardly be expected under the UNP-FP government (United National Party-Freedom Party coalition headed by Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake) which, after all, itself serves mainly the imperialist interests of the U.S.A.," the paper declared.